

OHIO NUTRITION AND WIC
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my enthusiastic support to S. 2507, "The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004".

In January of this year, I urged the Committee on Education and the Workforce to include in this Reauthorization Act provisions to authorize fruit and vegetable pilot programs for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program.

The bill expands this program as well as the Summer Food Service Program. It also provides training and technical assistance to schools in program administration and targets benefits to low-income children.

The passage of this bill today is truly a landmark achievement, as it represents the most extensive amendments to the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (CNA). This legislation reauthorizes national school lunch and breakfast, child and adult care food, after-school snack, summer food service and special supplemental nutrition programs for (WIC), among others.

The bill also amends the Commodity Distribution Reform Act and WIC Amendments of 1987 and the Food Stamps Act of 1977 to streamline applications for school meal program benefits. It does so by establishing agreements between State Food Stamp Agencies and School Food Authorities.

Like my colleagues, I believe it is critical that our Nation's children have access to healthy and nutritional foods while attending school. The pilot program provided in this bill makes this possible.

Mr. Speaker, we are all well aware that childhood obesity is a major health issue in this Nation that must be addressed. Our children deserve to have healthy choices for their breakfast and lunch meals. For many of our children these meals are the only nutritionally complete meals they will eat throughout the week.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), an estimated 15 percent of children and adolescents ages 6–19 years were overweight in 1999–2000. This represents a 4 percent increase from the previous 1988–1994 estimates. Passage of this bill represents bipartisan and bicameral efforts to benefit the children of our country.

I firmly believe that this is the right bill at the right time for America's women and children.

IN MEMORY OF U.S. ARMY
PRIVATE VAN RYAN MARCUM**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2004

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of U.S. Army Private Van Ryan Marcum. Ryan passed away on June 19, 2004

during a training accident in Ft. Benning, GA. He was just 21 years old and a native of my hometown, Prescott, AR.

Upon graduation from high school, Ryan enlisted in the U.S. Army and was qualified for the elite Rangers program. Those who knew Ryan well say he was extremely intelligent, resourceful and determined. He had a love of flying and this passion drove him to become an airborne ranger.

Ryan enlisted for full time service in the U.S. Army where he received the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon.

My heartfelt condolences go out to Ryan's family. We have a lost a brave young man and his legacy will live on through those who knew him well and counted him as a friend.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MICHIO
OKA ONUMA**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary life and accomplishments of Michio Oka Onuma, a native San Franciscan who died peacefully at the age of 96 on May 15, 2004. Michio Onuma represented the best of San Francisco. She was a talented leader with a generous heart. She will be greatly missed.

Michio Onuma overcame many obstacles in her life. Graduating from the University of California at Berkeley in 1931, she was one of the few women college graduates of her generation of Japanese Americans. She managed as a single parent at a time when divorce was taboo. She overcame the prejudice that came with being Japanese American, including suffering interment, along with 120,000 fellow Japanese Americans, during World War II.

During her long life, Michio Onuma had various careers, including as a social worker and a community newspaper reporter and editor. She never fully retired, working well into her eighties before cancer slowed her down. Fortunately, she recovered and remained vital and engaged until the end.

In the process of raising a family and having a career, Michio helped build and sustain community institutions that continue to flourish today. Michio Onuma persuaded the inaugural board of directors of the Japanese Community and Cultural Center of Northern California to build a community center. Michio Onuma was on the YWCA board in its early days when foresighted first generation Japanese American women raised funds to purchase a building for community use in perpetuity. Since these women were not allowed to own property outright, they left the property in trust with the YWCA organization with the understanding that the YWCA would follow their wishes. When the YWCA went back on its promise, Michio Onuma provided the historical documentation needed to negotiate the return of the YWCA into community hands. Nihonmachi Little Friends, a child care center serving the Japanese American community, is now the proud owner of the building.

Other recipients of Michio Onuma's leadership included organizations that she founded such as the Red Dots, a community golf club;

the Japanese Women's Alumnae Association at UC Berkeley; and Satsuki Kai, a Japanese wives group. Michio received a star on the Walk of Fame on Gene E. Suttle Plaza in 2003 for her work in the Western Addition of San Francisco, especially during the upheaval that redevelopment caused in the Japanese and African American communities in the late 1950s. She was also honored as a women warrior by the Pacific Asian American Women Bay Area Coalition as a symbol of what strong women can accomplish.

Michio Onuma was a visionary, a pioneer, and a strong leader who had a lasting impact on San Francisco. We are grateful to have had her with us for so long.

H.R. 4715, THE SPECTRUM
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**HON. JIM NUSSLE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2004

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House today to introduce H.R. 4715, the Spectrum Accountability Act, which supports the adherence to sound principles of spectrum auction management, particularly the use of competitive bidding. This bill addresses the requirement for spectrum auctions and the need for the efficient management of this finite resource. The competitive bidding process has already shown us that a fair market value is best attained through the use of competitive bidding.

At present, there is a disagreement over the proper statutory application of the Federal Communications Commission's requirement to conduct spectrum auctions. There are some who suggest that current communications law is unclear as to when an auction is required. This bill reaffirms the obvious intent of Congress to use the auction process and competitive bidding for the grant of commercial spectrum, and clarifies when the auction requirement is applicable.

Congress has a duty to efficiently manage Federal resources. This duty is the same whether the resource is actual taxpayer dollars or public assets, such as electromagnetic spectrum, which are held by the Government. While it is the Federal Communications Commission's role to handle the operational aspects of spectrum management, this function must be carried out as prescribed by communications law. Congress was quite clear that auctions and the competitive bidding process provide the most efficient and appropriate means for spectrum management; this bill will dispel any remaining misconceptions on the matter.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2005

SPEECH OF

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R.